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SUBJECT: UNICEF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - MAY 26, 1975

SUMMARY - ON MAY 26 BOARD DEBATED JEAN MAYER, NUTRITION STUDY AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON PRIORITIES IN CHILD NUTRITION IN LDC'S. COMMENTS GENERALLY SUPPORTIVE OF MAYER STUDY BUT WITH UNDERTONE OF DISSATISFACTION CONCERNING LACK OF PRIORITIES ON INNOVATIVE PROPOSALS AND INADEQUATE ATTENTION TO ACTIONS OF OTHER MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL AGENCIES. END SUMMARY.

1. PROF MAYAR INTRODUCED REPORT, STRESSING NEED FOR SPECIFIC NUTRITION ELEMENT IN DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH PLANNING AND IN BASIC CHILD SERVICES PROJECTS. SECRETARIAT (HEYWARD) STRESSED THAT MUCH FOLLOW-UP TO WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE DECISIONS ON NUTRITION UNDERWAY WITHIN MULTILATERAL FRAMEWORK. AGREED WITH NEED FOR MORE EVALUATION WHICH WOULD REQUIRE AT LEAST TWO ADDITIONAL STAFF POSITIONS. DELEGATES OF SWITZERLAND, FRG, INDIA, INDONESIA, UK, NIGERIA, US, SWEDEN, FRANCE, POLAND, CUBA, FINLAND, EGYPT, RWANDA, JAPAN SPOKE; ALSO FAO, WHO, WFP, NGO COMMITTEE ON NUTRITION AND WORLD UNCLASSIFIED

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COUNCIL FOR THE WELFARE OF THE BLIND.

2. COMMON THEMES OF MANY PRESENTATIONS WERE:

A. ENDORSEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS (E/ICEF/L.1329) OF CONTINUING UNICEF SUPPORT FOR FOOD AND NUTRITION NEEDS IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS AND INCREASED SUPPORT OF NUTRITION AS LONG-TERM COMPONENT OF BASIC SERVICES FOR CHILDREN.

B. NEED FOR LINKAGE OF UNICEF NUTRITION ACTIVITIES TO MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL EFFORTS.

C. CLOSE RELATIONSHIP OF NEW NUTRITION INITIATIVES TO BASIC HEALTH SERVICES APPROACH RECOMMENDED IN JOINT UNICEF/WHO STUDY.

D. NEED TO ELABORATE NATIONAL NUTRITION POLICIES AND FIELD PROJECTS SUITED TO PARTICULAR SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL CONDITIONS OF EACH COUNTRY AND/OR REGION.

E. NUTRITION POLICIES TO FORM PART OF INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT POLICY GOVERNING PRODUCTION, INCOME, PRICES, EDUCATION, ETC.

3. NUMBER OF DELEGATES STRESSED NEED FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION OF LOCAL FOOD RATHER THAN RELYING ON IMPORTS. INDIA, SUPPORTED BY INDONESIA AND NIGERIA CRITICIZED COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING OF WEANING FOODS WHICH SOMETIMES NOT SUITABLE. MANY DELEGATES SUPPORTED STRONG MAYER RECOMMENDATION ON NEED FOR BREAST-FEEDING AND FOR CAUTION IN SUPPLEMENTARY FEEDING PROGRAMS.

4. WFP REP STATED HIS ORGANIZATION READY FOR MORE COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS WHICH UNICEF HAS DONE IN BANGLADESH AND PAKISTAN. SUGGESTED THAT IF UNICEF BOARD APPROVED. PROPOSAL FOR JOINT EFFORTS COULD BE PRESENTED TO NEXT MEETING OF WFP GOVERNING BODY.

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